# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:501
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CANCER CASES
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has indicated that the number of diagnosed cancer cases is expected to be more than double between 2000 and 2030 as reported in `The Hindustan Times` dated April 4, 2007;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government has examined the report of the I.A.R.C; and

(d) the measures taken or likely to be taken by the Government to cure the menace of cancer in the country?

## Answer

MINISTRY OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 501 for 9th May, 2007

According to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has stated that the number of diagnosed cancer cases will be more than double between 2000-2030. In 2000, there were 11 million new cases of cancer diagnosed world wide, 7 million deaths from cancer and 25 million people living with cancer. By 2030, the agency expects that 27 million people will be diagnosed with the disease annually, 17 million will die from the disease and 75 million people will be living with cancer.

As per revised scheme of National Cancer Control Programme(NCCP), special emphasis is now being laid on early detection of cancer by promoting health education, creating awareness. Financial assistance is provided for setting up Radiotherapy unit in Government Medical Colleges/Hospitals for providing cancer treatment facilities. In addition, comprehensive cancer detection testing facilities in respective regions/ States are provided by 25 Regional Cancer Centres developed over the years under NCCP. Financial assistance is also provided to persons below poverty line from Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi for treatment of cancer. During 11th plan, special focus is made to expand District Cancer Control Programme for early detection and management of cancer, and to create infrastructure by upgrading existing RCC, creating more RCC, setting up of cancer treatment centres across the country with a view to producing quality manpower and treatment facilities.